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| For: METHOD AND PLANT FOR THE | ) |                          |
| INTRODUCTION OF A LIQUID      | ) |                          |
| INTO A MOLTEN MASS UNDER      | ) |                          |
| PRESSURE                      | ) |                          |

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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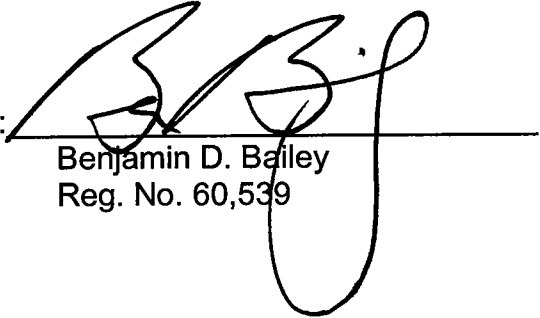
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